

HOUSE BILL No. 1924

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-32.

Synopsis: Electronic bingo aids. Authorizes the use of electronic bingo aids.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 23, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning charity gaming.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-32-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 3. "Bingo" means a game conducted
3 in the following manner:

4 (1) Each participant receives at least one (1) card, board, pad, or
5 piece of paper marked off into twenty-five (25) squares that are
6 arranged in five (5) vertical rows of five (5) squares each, with
7 each row designated by a single letter, and each box containing a
8 single numeral, from one (1) to seventy-five (75), except the
9 center box, which is always marked with the word "free".

10 (2) As the caller of the game announces a letter and number
11 combination, each player covers the square corresponding to the
12 announced number, letter, or combination of numbers and letters.

13 **A player may use an electronic bingo aid to monitor the**
14 **player's bingo cards, boards, pads, or sheets.**

15 (3) The winner of each game is the player who is the first to
16 properly cover a predetermined and announced pattern of squares
17 upon the card used by the player.



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SECTION 2. IC 4-32-6-16.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 16.5. "Electronic bingo aid" means an electronic device used by a player to monitor bingo cards, boards, pads or sheets purchased at a bingo event that does all of the following:**

- (1) Allows a player to input numbers and letters announced by a bingo caller.**
- (2) Compares the numbers and letters entered by the player to the bingo faces stored in the memory of the device.**
- (3) Identifies a winning bingo pattern.**

SECTION 3. IC 4-32-7-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 4. (a)** The department has the sole authority to license entities under this article to sell, distribute, or manufacture the following:

- (1) Bingo cards.**
- (2) Bingo boards.**
- (3) Bingo sheets.**
- (4) Bingo pads.**
- (5) Electronic bingo aids.**
- (6) Any other supplies, devices, or equipment designed to be used in playing bingo designated by rule of the department.**
- ~~(6)~~ **(7) Pull tabs.**
- ~~(7)~~ **(8) Punchboards.**
- ~~(8)~~ **(9) Tip boards.**

(b) Qualified organizations must obtain the materials described in subsection (a) only from an entity licensed by the department.

(c) The department may not limit the number of qualified entities licensed under subsection (a).

SECTION 4. IC 4-32-7-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 5.** The department shall charge appropriate fees to the following:

- (1) An applicant for a license to conduct an allowable event.**
- (2) An applicant seeking a license to distribute bingo supplies, electronic bingo aids, pull tabs, punchboards, or tip boards.**
- (3) An applicant seeking a license to manufacture bingo supplies, electronic bingo aids, pull tabs, punchboards, or tip boards.**

SECTION 5. IC 4-32-9-35 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 35. A person may use an electronic bingo aid to monitor the person's bingo cards, boards, pads, or sheets.**

SECTION 6. IC 4-32-12-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 1. (a)** The department

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may suspend or revoke the license of or levy a civil penalty against a qualified organization or an individual under this article for any of the following:

- (1) Violation of a provision of this article or of a rule of the department.
- (2) Failure to accurately account for:
 - (A) bingo cards;
 - (B) bingo boards;
 - (C) bingo sheets;
 - (D) bingo pads;
 - (E) **electronic bingo aids**;
 - (F) pull tabs;
 - ~~(F)~~ (G) punchboards; or
 - ~~(G)~~ (H) tip boards.
- (3) Failure to accurately account for sales proceeds from an event or activity licensed or permitted under this article.
- (4) Commission of a fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.
- (5) Conduct prejudicial to public confidence in the department.

(b) If a violation is of a continuing nature, the department may impose a civil penalty upon a licensee or an individual for each day the violation continues.

SECTION 7. IC 4-32-14-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. Local taxes, regardless of type, may not be imposed upon the operations of the department under this article or upon the sale of bingo cards, bingo boards, bingo sheets, bingo pads, **electronic bingo aids**, pull tabs, punchboards, or tip boards under this article.

SECTION 8. IC 4-32-14-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 4. A state or local law providing a penalty for or restriction or prohibition against the operation of bingo events, charity game nights, raffles, or door prize drawings, or the possession, manufacture, transportation, distribution, advertising, printing, storing, or sale of bingo cards, bingo boards, bingo sheets, bingo pads, **electronic bingo aids**, pull tabs, punchboards, or tip boards does not apply to the operation of bingo games, charity game nights, raffles, or door prize drawings under this article, or to the possession, manufacture, transportation, distribution, advertising, printing, storing, or sale of bingo cards, bingo boards, bingo sheets, bingo pads, **electronic bingo aids**, pull tabs, punchboards, or tip boards under this article.

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